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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1632
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Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Sequence Listing following the Abstract on page 64 and before the Drawings. Please insert Sequence Listing beginning with page 1 and numbering consecutively thereafter.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, April 10, 2000, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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